



IMPROVING ELECTORAL COMPETITION



Southern African leaders have long endorsed democratic norms, practices, and procedures. However, the lack of citizen participation in political processes impedes competition within the political system. Governance is suffering from inadequate checks and balances. The abuse of power for private gain in the area of political competition is especially acute. In some countries, media freedom is at risk and an engaged civil society is considered a threat to state security.

The USAID Partnership for Electoral Progress (PEP) program promotes free, fair and open elections in southern Africa. These are voters in Mozambique.

USAID promotes free, fair and open elections in southern Africa. USAID supports the efforts of regional partners to increase the accountability and transparency of electoral processes and improve compliance with regional election norms and standards. A key element of this support includes funding for election observation missions to assess whether countries are adhering to these standards.

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